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Arrest of Thomas Joseph Dufek for Bank Robbery

San Diego—On Wednesday, January 3, 2018, at approximately 9:20 a.m., 29-year-old Thomas Joseph Dufek entered the Navy Federal Credit Union located at 10865 Black Mountain Road in the Mira Mesa area of San Diego. He approached the teller window, stated this was a robbery, and demanded the teller give him all the cash in her drawer. The teller complied and Dufek fled out the front door.

Responding officers saw Dufek driving from the scene in his white Toyota pick-up truck. Dufek attempted to evade officers and a pursuit ensued eventually leading to the I-15 freeway. Dufek continued driving north. He exited the SR-78 freeway in the San Marcos area where deputies from the San Diego Sheriff's Department picked up the pursuit. A spike strip was deployed rendering Dufek's truck inoperable. Dufek fled on foot and was taken into custody a short distance away.

Dufek was booked into jail for bank robbery. Detectives from the San Diego Police Department Robbery Unit and agents from the Federal Bureau of Investigation are continuing to investigate the incident.

Anyone with information is requested to call the San Diego Police Department Robbery Unit at (619) 531-2299 or Crime Stoppers at (888) 580-8477.

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